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## THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

27 January 1976

The Honorable James W. Plummer  
Under Secretary of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Jim:

As I turn the post of Director of Central Intelligence over to the exceedingly capable hands of George Bush, I would like to thank you and your entire organization for your support and cooperation in our Intelligence Community effort.

During this period when the Community has faced major challenges, both in its mission and from exposure and criticism, I believe it has held together as a true Community. This has enabled it not only to weather the storm, but to continue to produce what I call with confidence the best intelligence in the world. The major reason for this lies in the talent, dedication and cooperation of the people in the Community, and especially the members of the organization you head.

We have agreed, we have differed, and we have discussed in the frank and straightforward way that we in intelligence believe essential to meet the problems of the world around us. I thank you for your personal support of me, but I also thank you for your great contribution to our country during the time that I was privileged to serve it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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